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"The *First* SUPERMAN
of KRYPTON!"

WHY, THAT'S
A PICTURE OF MY
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my soul to keep
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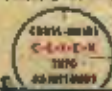
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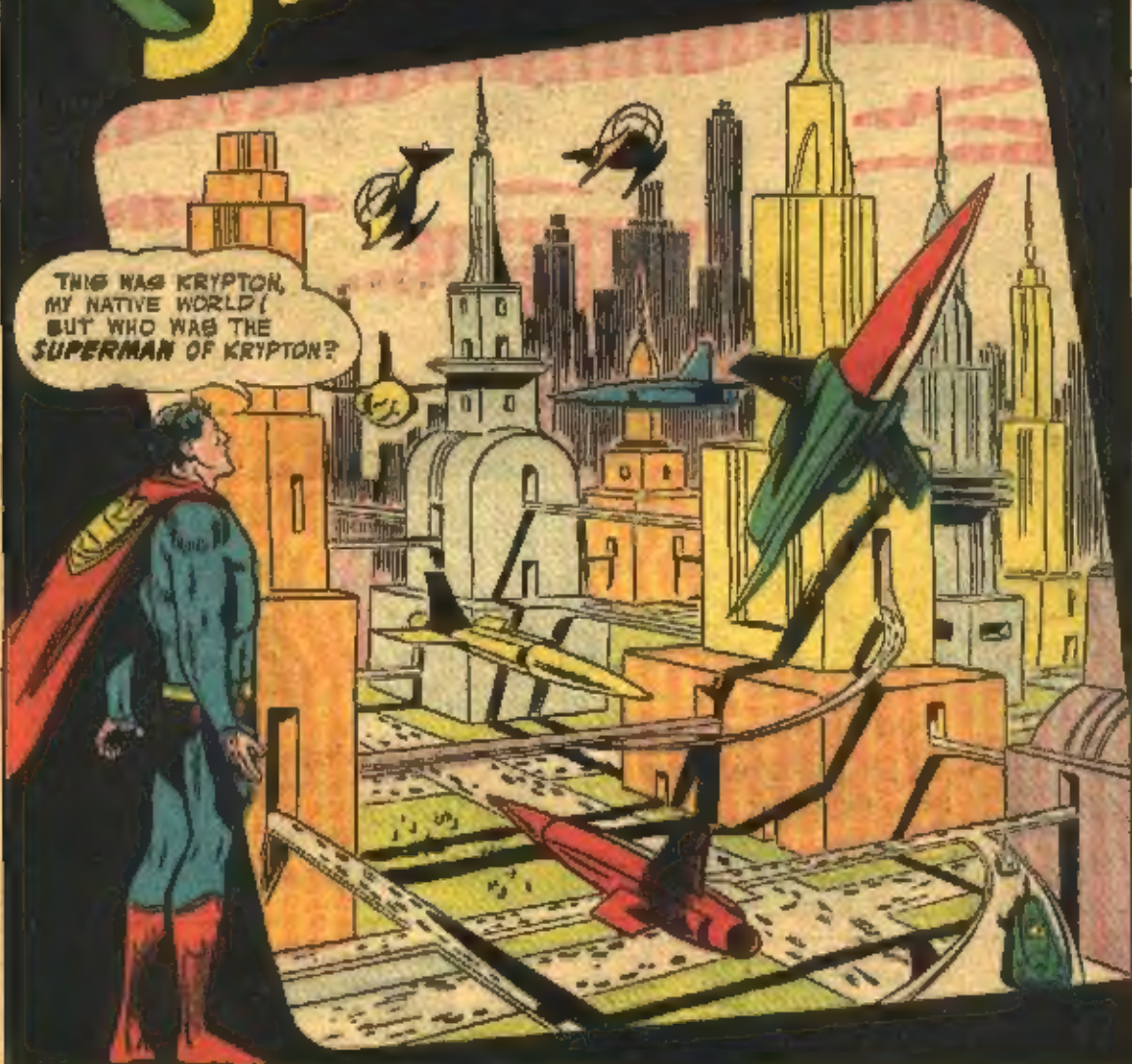
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SUPERMAN

THIS WAS KRYPTON,
MY NATIVE WORLD!
BUT WHO WAS THE
SUPERMAN OF KRYPTON?



THE FAMOUS LOST WORLD OF KRYPTON IS OF INTENSE INTEREST TO EVERYONE ON EARTH, FOR THAT GREAT PLANET WAS THE BIRTHPLACE OF MIGHTY SUPERMAN! YET NO ONE, NOT EVEN THE MAN OF STEEL HIMSELF, HAS KNOWN THE COMPLETE STUPENDOUS STORY OF KRYPTON! ONLY NOW, AT LAST, DOES FATE BRING TO LIGHT THE AMAZING EPIC OF...

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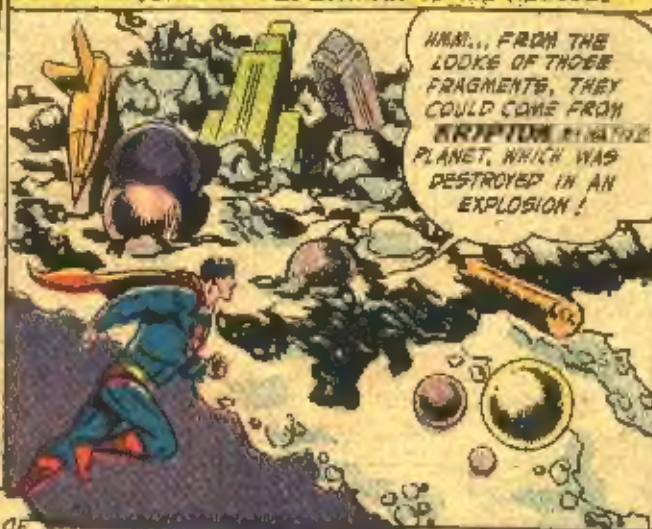
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FAR OUT IN SPACE, A MASS OF COSMIC WRECKAGE MOVES THROUGH THE VOID... TOWARD A RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY...

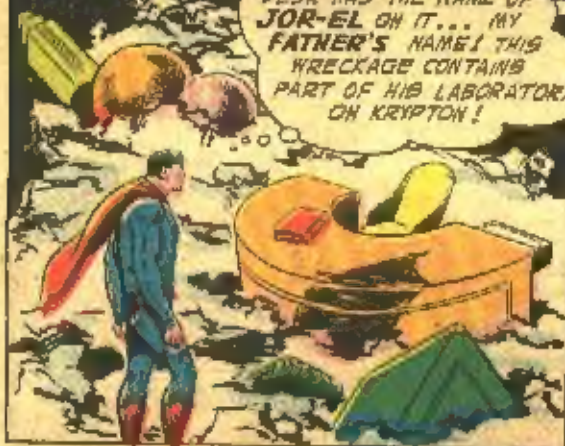


BUT ON EARTH, TELESCOPIC VISION HAS SPOTTED THE MENACE, BRINGING **SUPERMAN** TO THE RESCUE!

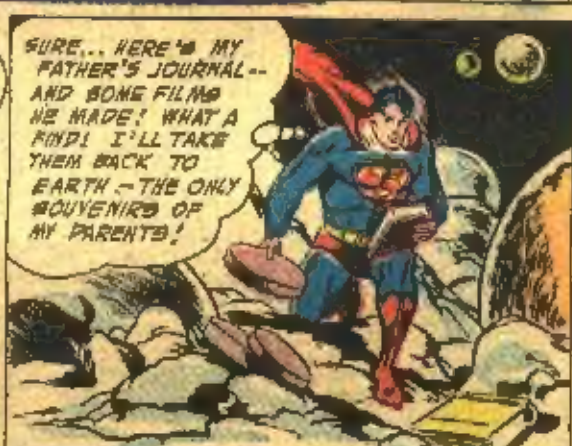


HMM... FROM THE LOOKS OF THOSE FRAGMENTS, THEY COULD COME FROM **KRYPTON**, THE PLANET, WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN AN EXPLOSION!

I WAS RIGHT! THAT DESK HAD THE NAME OF **JOR-EL** ON IT... MY FATHER'S NAME! THIS WRECKAGE CONTAINS PART OF HIS LABORATORY ON KRYPTON!



SURE... HERE'S MY FATHER'S JOURNAL-- AND SOME FILMS HE MADE! WHAT A FIND! I'LL TAKE THEM BACK TO EARTH-- THE ONLY SOUVENIRS OF MY PARENTS!



AND SOON, IN THE METROPOLIS APARTMENT WHERE **SUPERMAN** LIVES IN HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY OF REPORTER CLARK KENT...

IT IS THEN THAT THE **MAN OF STEEL** RECEIVES THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE...

I'VE ALTERED AN ORDINARY MOVIE-PROJECTOR SO IT'LL SHOW THESE KRYPTONIAN FILMS MY FATHER MADE LONG AGO! WONDER WHAT THEIR SUBJECT IS?

WHY-- THAT'S A PICTURE OF ME, DOING A SUPER-FEAT HERE ON EARTH! HOW COULD MY FATHER, WHO PERISHED WHEN I WAS A BABY, HAVE MADE SUCH A FILM?





FACED WITH THE GREATEST RIDDLE IN HIS LIFE, SUPERMAN TURNS TO...



MY FATHER'S JOURNAL... THAT MAY GIVE ME THE ANSWER! YET WHAT ANSWER CAN THERE BE?... IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE!

OUT OF YELLOWED PAGES, WRITTEN YEARS AGO, A FATHER SPEAKS ACROSS TIME TO HIS SON...



I, JOR-EL, SCIENTIST OF KRYPTON, BEGIN THIS RECORD TO TELL OF MY GREATEST STRUGGLE...

"OUR WORLD OF KRYPTON IS A MIGHTY PLANET..."



...AND OUR INHABITANTS ARE A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC, INTELLIGENT PEOPLE!

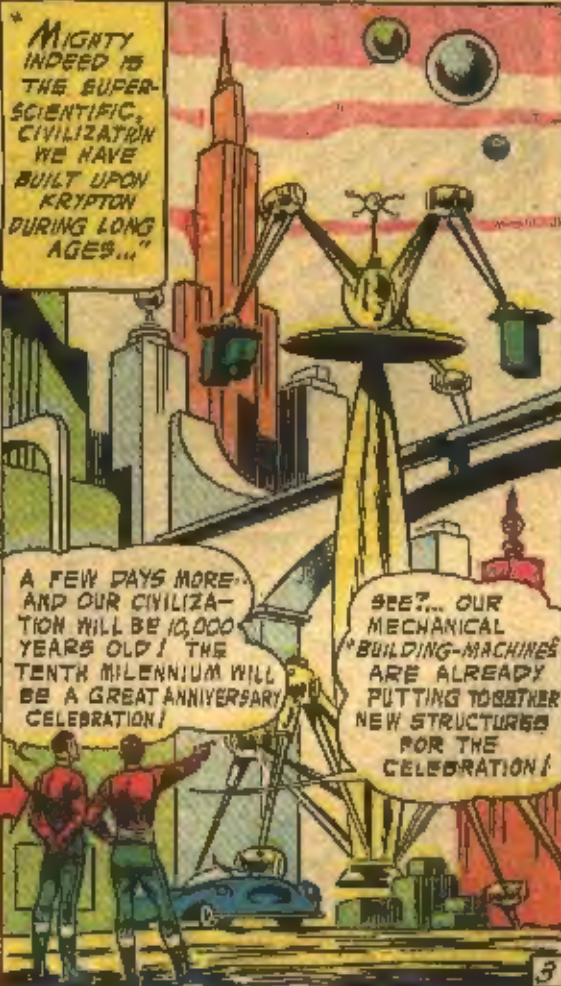
YOU MEAN THAT YOU, A THREE-YEAR OLD, CAN'T SOLVE THAT SIMPLE ATOMIC EQUATION?

I-I DIDN'T STUDY LAST NIGHT! I'LL DO MY HOMEWORK TONIGHT, AND FIGURE OUT THE ANSWER!

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"MIGHTY INDEED IS THE SUPER-SCIENTIFIC CIVILIZATION WE HAVE BUILT UPON KRYPTON DURING LONG AGES..."



A FEW DAYS MORE, AND OUR CIVILIZATION WILL BE 10,000 YEARS OLD! THE TENTH MILLENNIUM WILL BE A GREAT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SEE?... OUR MECHANICAL BUILDING-MACHINES ARE ALREADY PUTTING TOGETHER NEW STRUCTURES FOR THE CELEBRATION!



"I, JOR-EL, AM PROUD TO BE ONE OF KRYPTON'S RANKING SCIENTISTS."

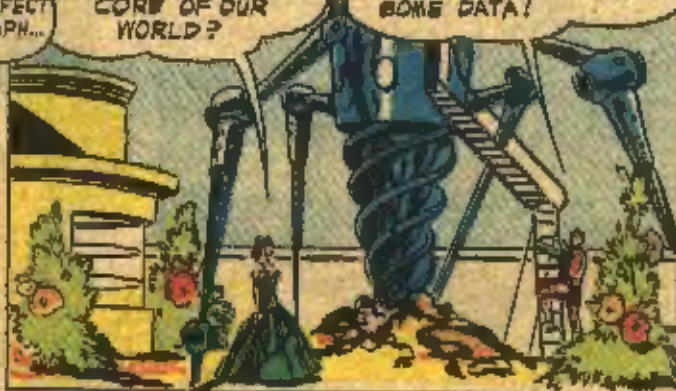


SOME FORCE DEEP INSIDE THE PLANET IS CAUSING THIS STRANGE EFFECT ON THE SEISMOGRAPH... I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE IT FIRST HAND!

"WITH OUR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, BUILDING A MIGHTY MECHANICAL MOLE WAS NO PROBLEM, THOUGH MY WIFE HAD OTHER FEARS..."

BUT JOR-EL, ISN'T IT DANGEROUS AT THE CORE OF OUR WORLD?

DON'T WORRY, LORA-- I'M ONLY GOING DOWN A FEW THOUSAND MILES TO GET SOME DATA!



"MY ATOMIC-POWERED MOLE BORED SWIFTLY INTO THE DEPTHS!"



"AND DEEP INSIDE KRYPTON, I MADE MY TESTS..."

THESE RADIOACTIVE EMANATIONS... A GREAT REACTION COULD BE STARTING AT THE PLANET'S CENTER! I CAN'T BE SURE YET... BUT IF SUCH A REACTION IS UNDER WAY, KRYPTON WILL BE DOOMED!



"BUT WHEN I BROUGHT MY DATA BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF SCIENCE..."

GENTLEMEN, THOSE RADIOACTIVE EMANATIONS MAY BE AN OMINOUS WARNING!

NONSENSE! THEY MUST BE THE RESULT OF DEEP-BURIED RADIUM ORES... THAT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! LOOK, JOR-EL... THESE ARE TO BE OUR SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS IN THE CELEBRATION!



"I CARRIED MY FINDINGS TO OUR HIGHEST OFFICIALS-- BUT THEY TOO TREATED THE MATTER LIGHTLY..."

FORGET YOUR ANXIETIES, JOR-EL! DEE?... THIS SUPER-SCOPE THEATER WILL PRESENT THE FINAL PAGEANT OF OUR 10,000-YEAR CELEBRATION!

NO ONE WILL TAKE ME SERIOUSLY-- AND I HAVEN'T YET ANY PROOF OF DANGER!





"THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEGAN THAT NIGHT WITH A GREAT DISPLAY OF ATOMIC SKYWRITING-- BUT I DID NOT SEE IT..."





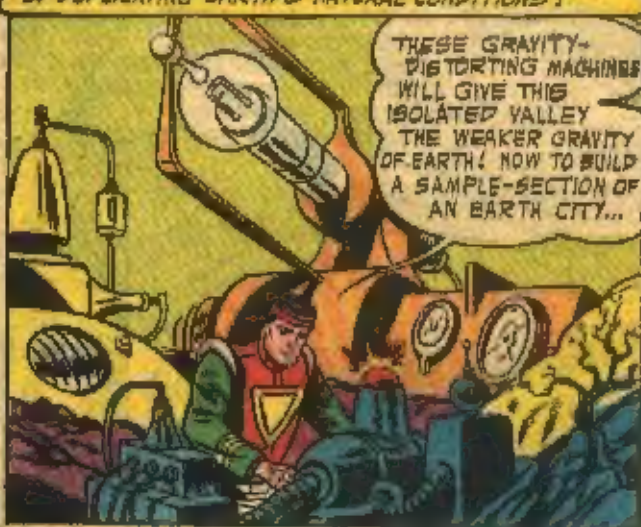
"FEVERISHLY, I STUDIED EVERY ASPECT OF EARTH BY TELE-SCREEN PROJECTION..."

IF THE KRYPTONIANS WENT TO EARTH, HOW WOULD ITS DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE AFFECT US?



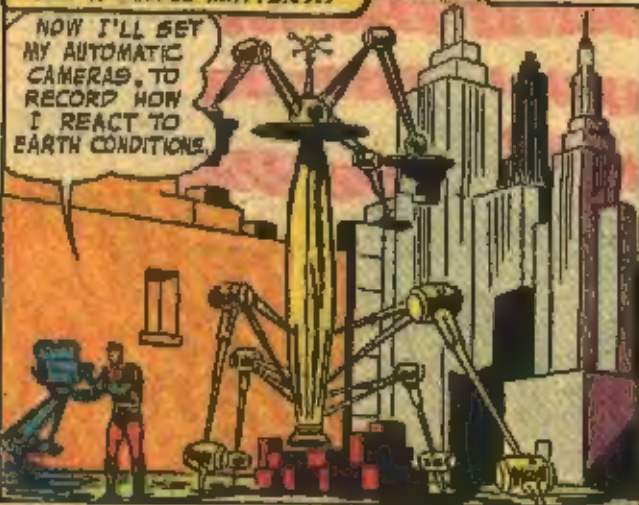
"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION BY DUPLICATING EARTH'S NATURAL CONDITIONS!"

THESE GRAVITY-DISTORTING MACHINES WILL GIVE THIS ISOLATED VALLEY THE WEAKER GRAVITY OF EARTH! NOW TO BUILD A SAMPLE-SECTION OF AN EARTH CITY...



"WITH OUR MIGHTY BUILDING-MACHINES, THAT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER..."

NOW I'LL SET MY AUTOMATIC CAMERAS TO RECORD HOW I REACT TO EARTH CONDITIONS.



"IN THAT VALLEY ON KRYPTON, IT WAS AS THOUGH I STOOD UPON EARTH ITSELF..."

WHY, IN EARTH-TYPE GRAVITY, MY KRYPTONIAN STRENGTH IS SUPER! I CAN LIFT ANYTHING!



WHAT'S MORE, MY KRYPTONIAN MUSCLES ENABLE ME TO RUN AT SUPER-SPEED AND HURTLE THROUGH THE AIR! AND IN THIS WEAKER GRAVITATION, MY BODY WOULD BE INVULNERABLE!



"WITH JOY, I GATHERED THE FILMS MY AUTOMATIC CAMERAS HAD MADE OF ME..."

ON EARTH, WE KRYPTONIANS WOULD BE SUPER-MEN. I MUST REPORT THIS TO THE COUNCIL!



"I LITTLE DREAMED OF THE FATEFUL CONSEQUENCES OF MY TESTS..."



"...FOR THE COUNCIL REFUSED TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY!"

BUT...I'VE CHECKED MY FINDINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN

JOR-EL, YOUR WORRIES HAVE BECOME AN OBSESSION! KRYPTON HAS BEEN OUR HOME FOR 0,000 YEARS--AND ALWAYS WILL BE!



"ONLY VAL ARY AND KAA ZOR, OF ALL THE SCIENTISTS SEEM IMPRESSED BY MY WARNING..."

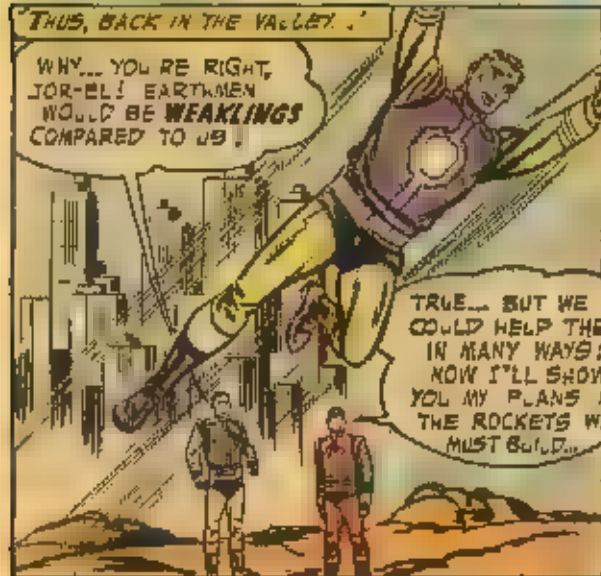
HURRY--OR WE'LL MISS THE NEXT BIG EVENT OF THE CELEBRATION!

JOR-EL, **WE** BELIEVE YOU! BUT WE'D LIKE TO CHECK FURTHER ON YOUR EARTH EXPERIMENTS!



"THUS, BACK IN THE VALLEY..."

WHY...YOU'RE RIGHT, JOR-EL! EARTHMEN WOULD BE **WEAKLINGS** COMPARED TO US!



TRUE... BUT WE COULD HELP THEM IN MANY WAYS! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU MY PLANS FOR THE ROCKETS WE MUST BUILD...

"IN MY LABORATORY, I SHOWED THEM EVERYTHING..."

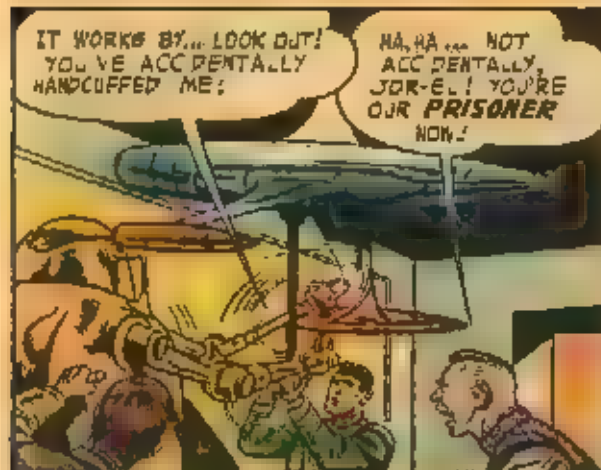
SUCH ROCKETS AS THIS ONE COULD TAKE OUR PEOPLE TO EARTH. I CONSTRUCTED THE MODEL WITH SMALL BUILDING-MACHINES!

WONDERFUL! ER SHOW ME HOW TO **METAL-BENDING MACHINE** WORKS, JOR-EL!"



IT WORKS BY... LOOK OUT! YOU'VE ACCIDENTALLY HANDCUFFED ME!

HA, HA... NOT ACCIDENTALLY, JOR-EL! YOU'RE OUR **PRISONER** NOW!

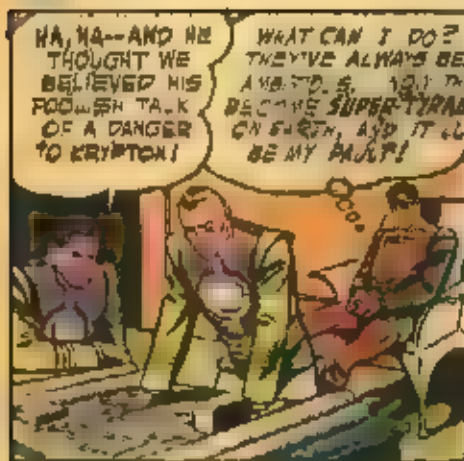


"AND THAT'S WHEN THESE TWO REVEALED THEIR TRUE MOTIVES..."

WE WON'T HARM YOUR HUSBAND UNLESS YOU TRY TO FREE HIM OR TO WARN ANYONE!

WE'RE GOING TO USE HIS PLANS TO BUILD A ROCKET THAT WILL TAKE **US** TO EARTH! AS **SUPER-MEN**, WE'LL MAKE OURSELVES **MASTERS** OF THE EARTH PEOPLE!



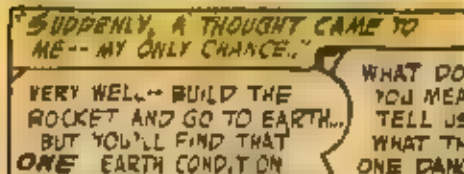


HA, HA--AND HE THOUGHT WE BELIEVED HIS FOOLESH TALK OF A DANGER TO KRYPTON!

WHAT CAN I DO? THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT TO... YOU THEY'LL BECOME SUPERTYRANTS ON EARTH, AND IT'LL BE MY FAULT!

THE ROCKET WILL NOT TAKE LONG TO MAKE, FROM JOR-EL'S PLANS!

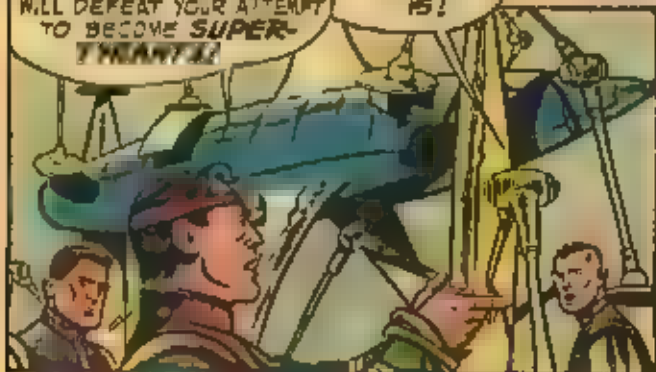
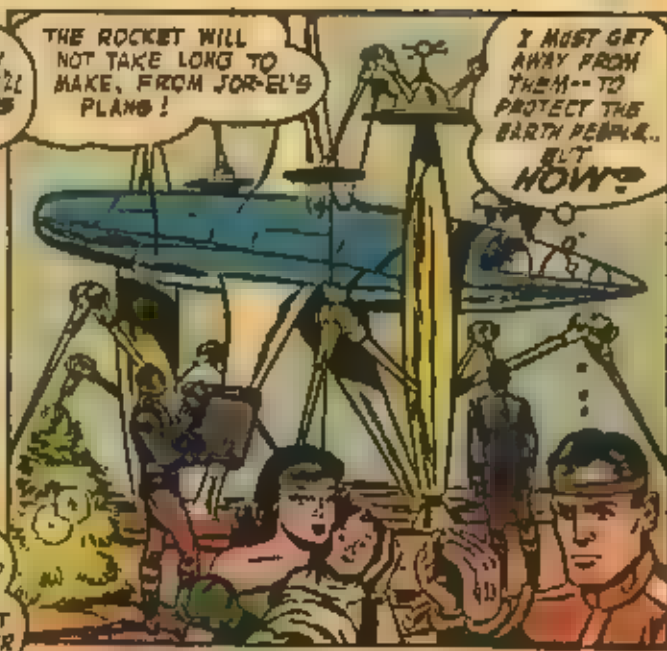
I MUST GET AWAY FROM THEM-- TO PROTECT THE EARTH PEOPLE... **BUT NOW!**



SUPPENLY, A THOUGHT CAME TO ME-- MY ONLY CHANCE..

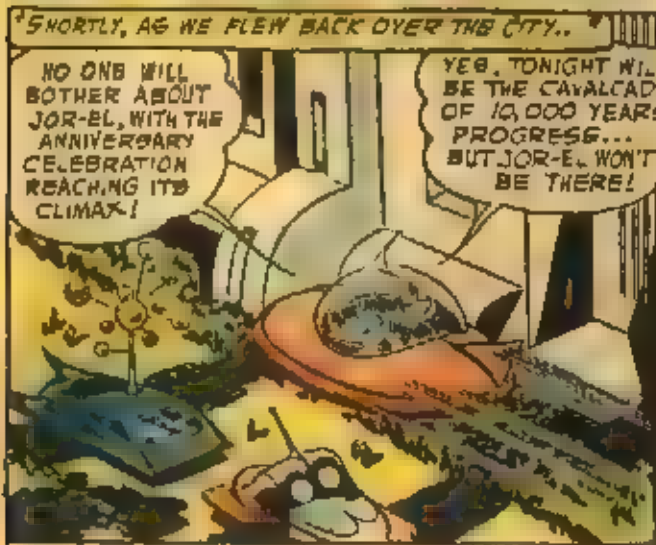
VERY WELL-- BUILD THE ROCKET AND GO TO EARTH... BUT YOU'LL FIND THAT **ONE** EARTH COND.T ON WILL DEFEAT YOUR ATTEMPT TO BECOME **SUPERTYRANTS!**

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? TELL US WHAT THAT ONE DANGER IS!



WHY SHOULD I-- IF YOU WEREN'T SMART ENOUGH TO SEE IT FOR YOURSELF?

VAL ARN, WE'D BETTER FLY BACK TO THAT EARTH LIKE VALLEY AND FIND OUT WHAT RISK HE'S H.DING FROM US! WE'LL TAKE HIM WITH US-- SO HIS WIFE WON'T DARE REPORT US!



SHORTLY, AS WE FLEW BACK OVER THE CITY..

NO ONE WILL BOTHER ABOUT JOR-EL, WITH THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REACHING ITS CLIMAX!

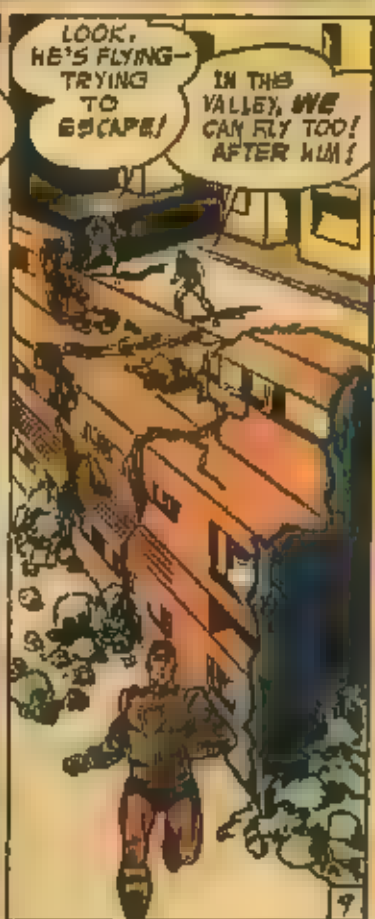
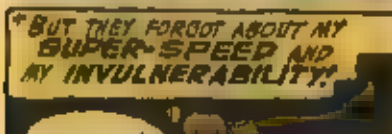
YES, TONIGHT WILL BE THE CAVALCADE OF 10,000 YEARS' PROGRESS... BUT JOR-EL WON'T BE THERE!



WE LANDED IN MY EARTH- VALLEY, AND...

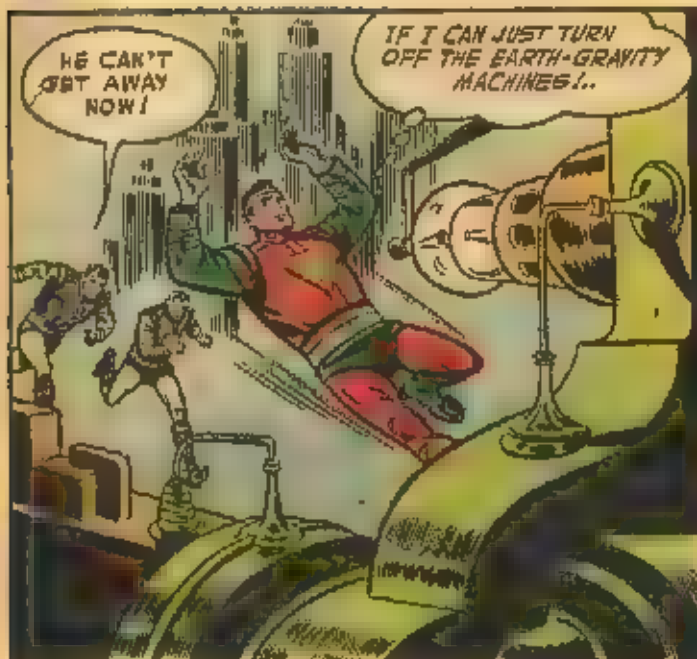
NOW WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT EARTH CONDITION WE OVERLOOKED!

YES, YOU'LL FIND OUT ALL RIGHT...





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IF I CAN JUST TURN OFF THE EARTH-GRAVITY MACHINES!..



MADE IT!

ODD! WHAT HAPPENED? I CAN'T FLY NOW!

I'M STUNNED-GROGGY..

BEFORE THEY COULD RECOVER FROM THEIR DAZE, I SECURED THEM, AND..

MUST HURRY.. I HAVEN'T CHECKED THAT REACTION INSIDE KRYPTON FOR DAYS! BUT FIRST THESE TWO MUST BE TURNED OVER TO THE LAW!

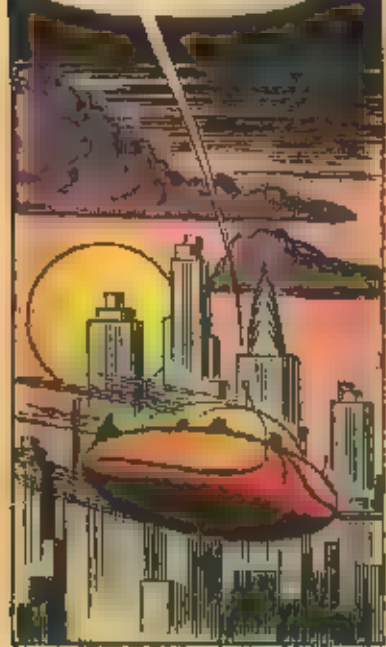
IT WAS SOON NIGHTTIME--A NIGHT OF DESTINY FOR KRYPTON...

THESE TWO WILL BE CONFINED FOR TRIAL-- AND YOU, JOR-EL, CAN GO WATCH THE CAVALCADE!

NO TIME FOR THAT, THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST DO!

AS I FLEW HEADLONG TO MY LABORATORY, I LOOKED DOWN ON THE BEGINNING OF THE MIGHTY SPECTACLE..

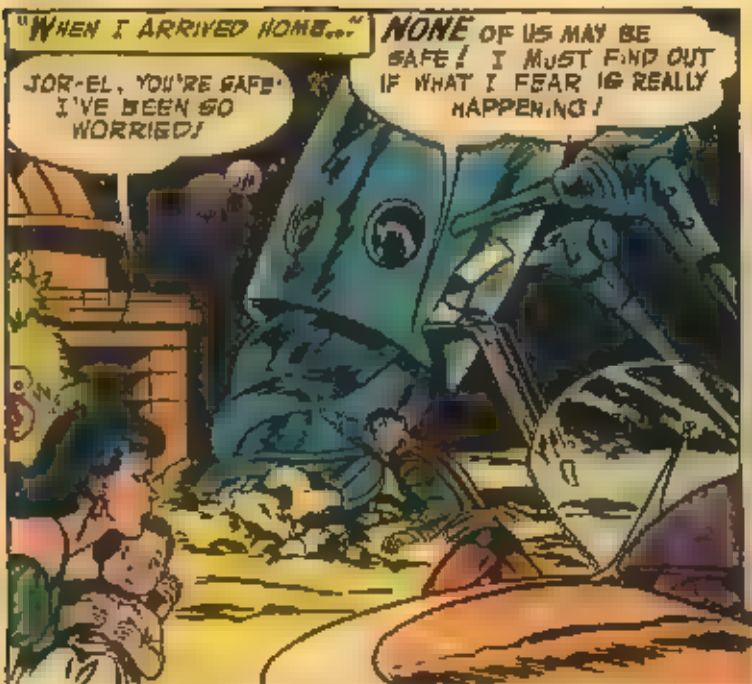
PEOPLE OF KRYPTON, BEHOLD THE PLANET THAT HAS RISEN THROUGH 100 CENTURIES OF GREATNESS TO ITS PRESENT GLORY!



NOT A MOMENT TO WASTE.



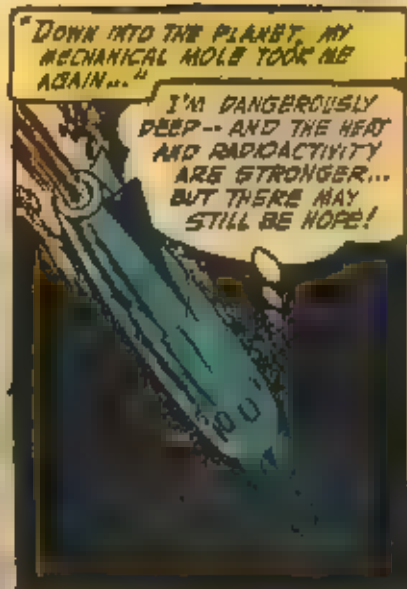
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"WHEN I ARRIVED HOME..."

JOR-EL, YOU'RE SAFE!
I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED!

NONE OF US MAY BE
SAFE! I MUST FIND OUT
IF WHAT I FEAR IS REALLY
HAPPENING!



"DOWN INTO THE PLANET, MY
MECHANICAL MOLE TOOK ME
AGAIN..."

I'M DANGEROUSLY
DEEP-- AND THE HEAT
AND RADIOACTIVITY
ARE STRONGER...
BUT THERE MAY
STILL BE HOPE!



"PRESENTLY, FAR DOWN NEAR
THE CORE OF MIGHTY
KRYPTON..."

IT'S HAPPENED--WHAT
I DREADED! THE ATOMIC
CHAIN-REACTION HAS BEGUN
AND IS BUILDING UP EACH
HOUR! I MUST WARN
OUR PEOPLE AT ONCE--
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY
TO DO IT...



"ALL KRYPTON'S PEOPLE, BY
DIRECT VISION OR TELE-
VISION, WERE WATCHING THE
SPECTACULAR CAVALCADE..."

YOU'VE SEEN HOW OUR
SCIENCE, FOR 10,000
YEARS, HAS MADE US GREAT.
NOW WE'LL SHOW KRYPTON'S
WONDERFUL TOMORROW!



"BUT NEXT MOMENT..."

THIS IS KRYPTON'S
TOMORROW! THE CHAIN-
REACTION HAS
BEGUN, AND OUR
PLANET IS
DOOMED!

IT'S JOR-EL,
THE ALARMIST!
HE SUBSTITUTED
THAT FAKED
PICTURE TO
SPOIL THE
CELEBRATION!
OUT
WITH
HIM--!

"SO AWHILE LATER, BACK IN MY LABORATORY..."

THEY WOULD NOT LISTEN, THOUGH I PLEADED WITH THEM TO BUILD ROCKETS LIKE THIS MODEL ONE! HEAR THAT RUMBLE?... THE FINAL REACTION IS BEGINNING NOW!

THEN WE ARE DOOMED... BUT OUR SON MUST LIVE! HE CAN REACH EARTH IN THE MODEL ROCKET!

I STAY WITH YOU, MY HUSBAND, WHILE OUR SON SPEEDS TOWARD A NEW LIFE!

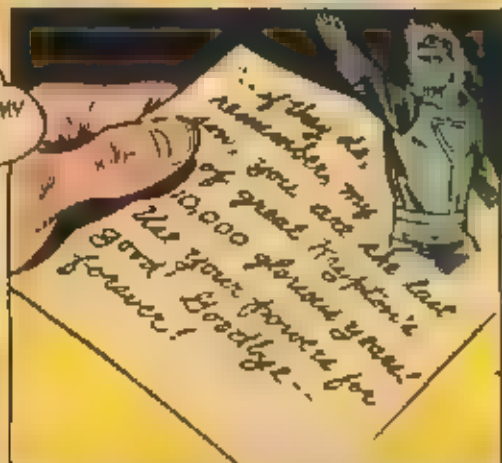
YES... TOWARD A NEW SUPER-LIFE!



"AND IN THESE FINAL MINUTES, AS KRYPTON ROCKS TO ITS DOOM, I WRITE THESE LAST WORDS..."

IT IS THE END OF KRYPTON!

BUT IF MY WRITING SOMEHOW SURVIVES, MY WORDS MAY SOMEDAY REACH OUR SON!



"If they do, remember my son, you are the last of great Krypton's 10,000 glorious years! Use your powers for good! Goodbye-- forever!"

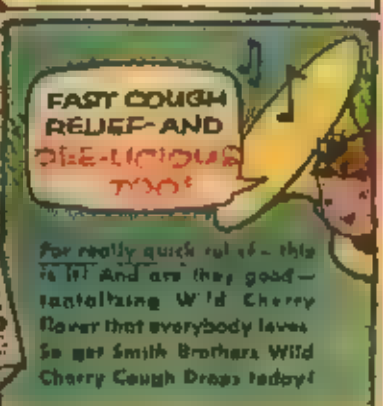
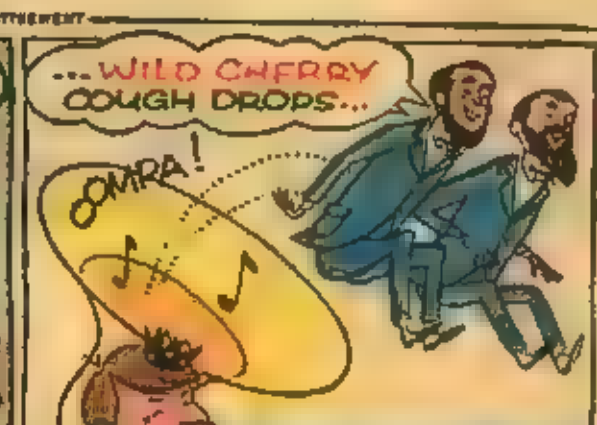
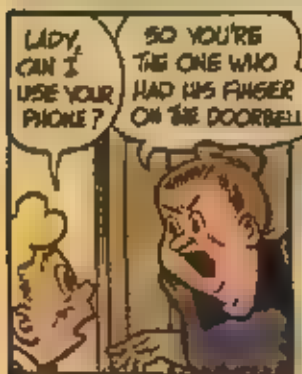


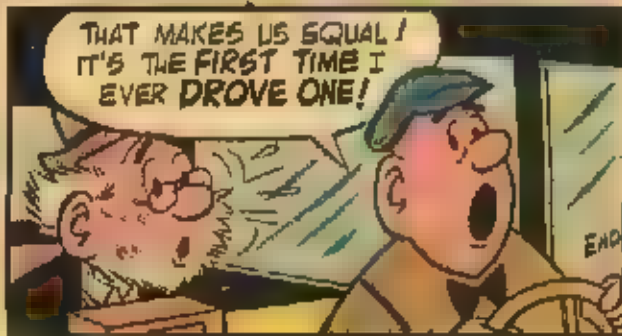
SO, DAD, YOUR WORDS DID AT LAST REACH ME! AND I KNOW NOW THAT YOU WERE THE FIRST SUPERMAN OF KRYPTON!

LATER, ALONE ON A HILLTOP...



ONE STAR IS GONE FOREVER FROM THE SKY, BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET! I'LL USE MY SUPER-POWERS FOR GOOD, FATHER - AS YOU USED YOURS LONG AGO.





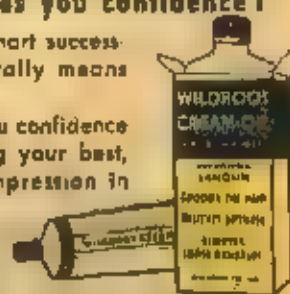
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JANU, JUNGLE GOD

MAKE THE VOLCANO ERUPT OR ELSE WE KNOW YOU A FALSE GOD, AND DESTROY YOU!

GREAT SCOTT--HOW DO THEY EXPECT JANU TO MAKE A VOLCANO ERUPT? I MUST HELP HIM-- BUT HOW?



DEEP IN THE AFRICAN JUNGLE, TWO FRIENDS MEET AFTER A LONG ABSENCE...

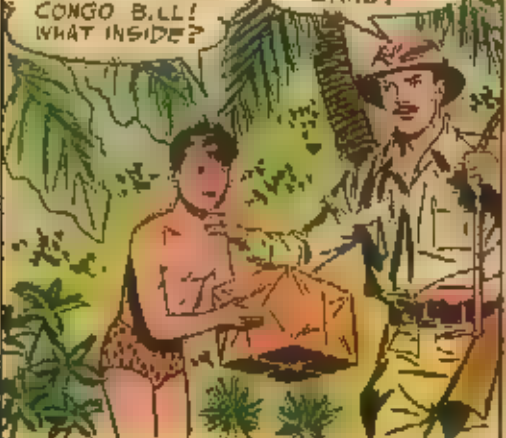
YOU BROUGHT ME BACK A PRESENT FROM UP NORTH CONGO BILL! WHAT INSIDE?

WHY NOT OPEN IT UP AND SEE, JANU?

NEXT INSTANT

LEAPING LIONS-- TRY TOY AN MAIS-- AND HOW REAL THEY LOOK.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANY- THING YET! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WND THEM JPI!

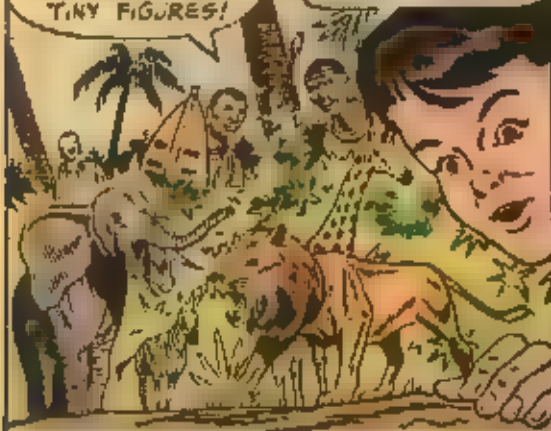




MEANWHILE, THE MECHANICAL TOYS AMAZE A GROUP OF EAVESDROPPING NATIVES.

LOOK! THE YOUNG ONE-- HE CHANGED BIG BEASTS INTO TINY FIGURES!

YES! HE MUST BE A GOD-- WITH GREAT MAGIC POWERS!



NEXT MOMENT, AS THE JUNGLE ADVENTURERS FIND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED--

YOUNG GOD-- YOU COME WITH US!

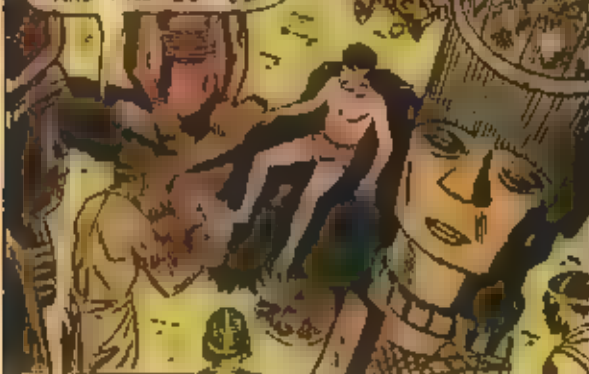
BETTER GO, JANK! YOUR REFUSAL MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE!



AND SHORTLY, IN THE TRIBAL TEMPLE

ALL-POWERFUL GOD WILL STAY HERE IN TEMPLE AND PROTECT US!

THAT WHAT YOU THINK!



SUDDENLY, AS THE HOSTILE VOICE OF THE TRIBE'S WITCH DOCTOR IS HEARD

HE NOT REAL GOD! I, SHRUDLO, TRIBE WITCH DOCTOR, SAY IT! HE FOOL US WITH TRICK-- AND SHOULD BE DESTROYED!



CAN YOU PROVE WHAT YOU SAY, SHRUDLO?

YES! REAL GOD SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE DEAD VOLCANO ERUPT! LET ME SEE HIM DO THAT!

OUR YOUNG GOD DO THAT EASY! YOU SEE!

MAYBE! BUT IF HE NOT DO IT, THEN, REMEMBER, WE SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH! WE GIVE HIM UNTIL SUN SETS TO DO IT!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT VOLCANO ERUPT, AND WHEN THEY FIND OUT, I DIE!... CREEPING CATERPILLARS, I WISH CONGO BILL HERE NOW!





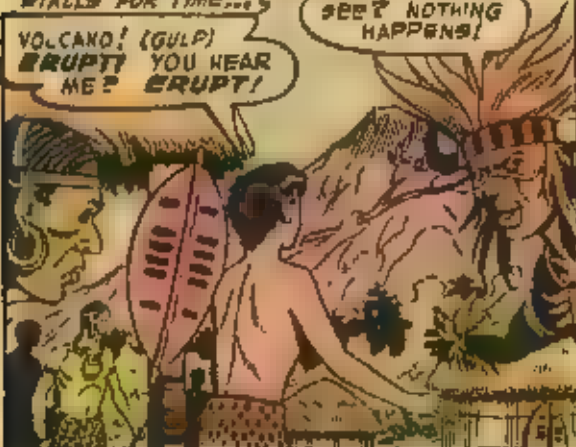
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SOME HOURS LATER, AS THE SUN BEGINS TO SINK, JANU DESPERATELY PUTS ON AN ACT AS HE STALLS FOR TIME...

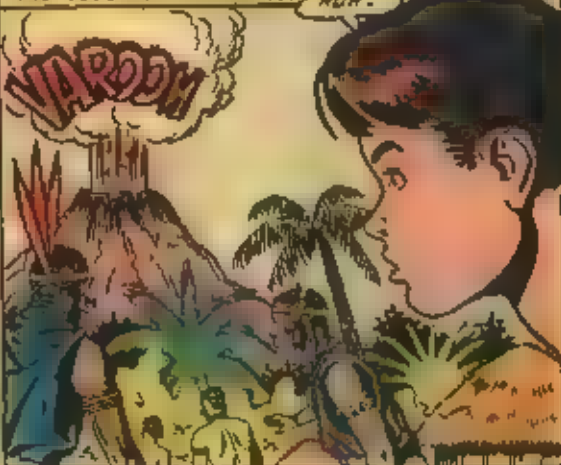
VOLCANO! (GULP)
ERUPT! YOU HEAR
ME? ERUPT!

SEE? NOTHING
HAPPENS!



BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, TO JANU'S AMAZEMENT,
THE VOLCANO ERUPTS... HUH?

WAAH



SEE? YOU SATISFIED
HE REAL GOD?

NO! HE MUST USE
SOME TRICK! I LIKE
TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER
TEST!



BY DAWN, THE VULTURES
WILL START FLYING--
AND WHEN THEY SEE
OUR MEAT SUPPLY
DYING, THEY WILL
COME DOWN TO
EAT IT!

WELL? WHAT YOU
WANT OUR YOUNG
GOD TO DO?



LET HIM ORDER
THE VULTURES
TO STAY ON THE
GROUND-- AND
NOT FLY!

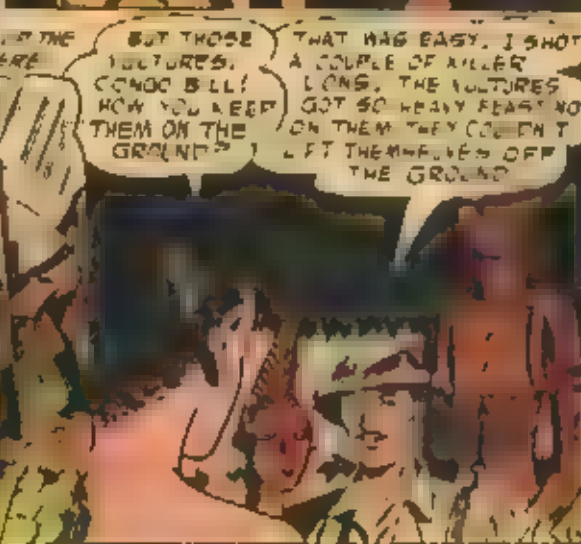
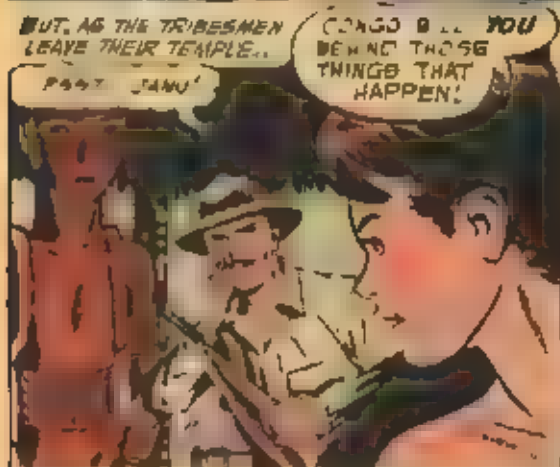
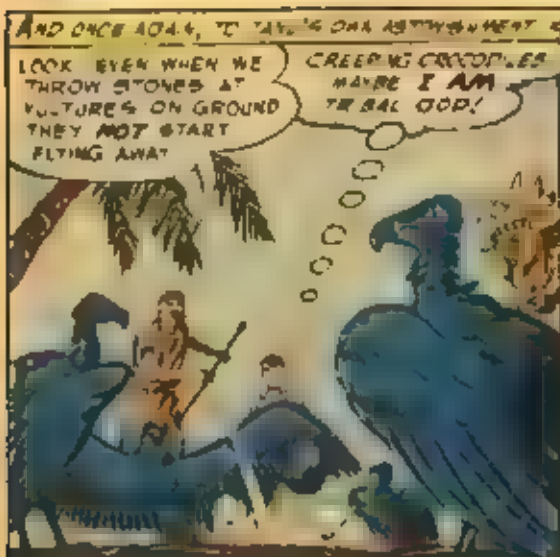
THIS WITCH
DOCTOR MUST
BE LOCO!

THEN, AT DAWN... NO--
SOON--THE
VULTURES
WILL START
FLYING!

OUR
YOUNG GOD
NOT LET THEM!
YOU SEE!

BUT, REMEMBER--
IF THEY DO
FLY-- YOU
DIE!







ACTION COMICS



SUDDENLY...

THE NOISE IS SURE TO ATTRACT THE TRIBESMEN! I'D BETTER VAMOOSE!

CAREFUL. CONGO BILL-- YOU KNOCKING OVER ONE OF THE IDOLS!



BUT AS THE ADVENTURER BEGINS HIS ESCAPE...

THAT MAN-- HE TRY TO STEAL YOUNG GOD! FOR THIS HE MUST DIE! WE WILL KILL HIM!

LET THE YOUNG GOD MAKE HIM DIE! NOW WE FIND OUT FOR SURE IF HE HAVE GREAT POWER OR NOT!



MAKE HIM DIE! IF YOU FAIL, WE KNOW YOU NOT A REAL GOD-- AND YOU DIE INSTEAD!

IF--IF CONGO BILL NOT DIE IN NEXT FEW MINUTES, THEN-- THEN I DIE!... WH WHAT I DO?



WHY YOU WAIT? MAKE HIM DIE!

I--I--CAN'T!



BUT THAT INSTANT JARU'S HEART SKIPS A BEAT WHEN...

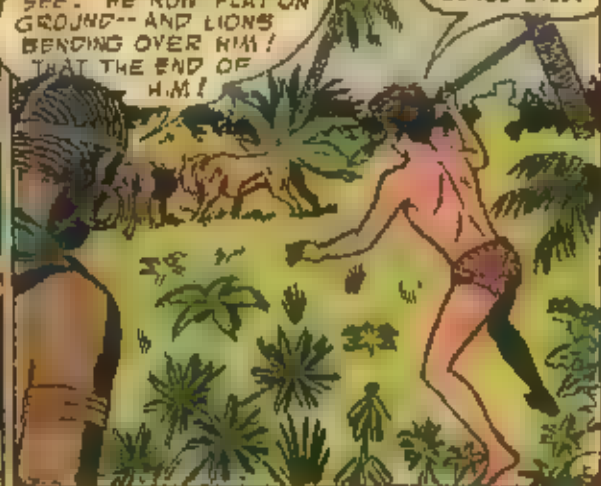
LOOK WHAT HAPPENING! OUR YOUNG GOD MAKE HIM RUN STRAIGHT TO KILLER LIONS!

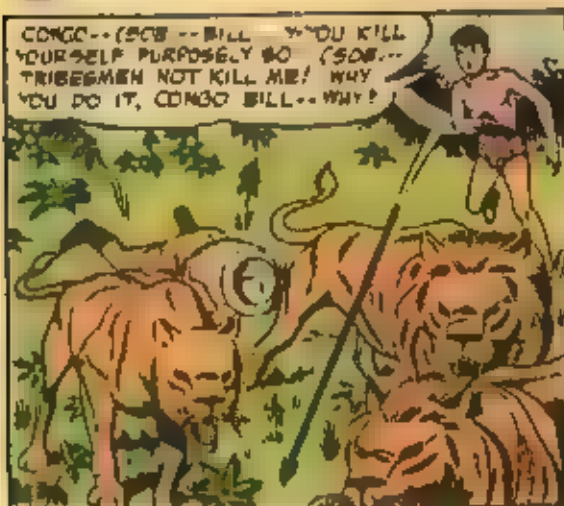
NO, CONGO BILL, NO!



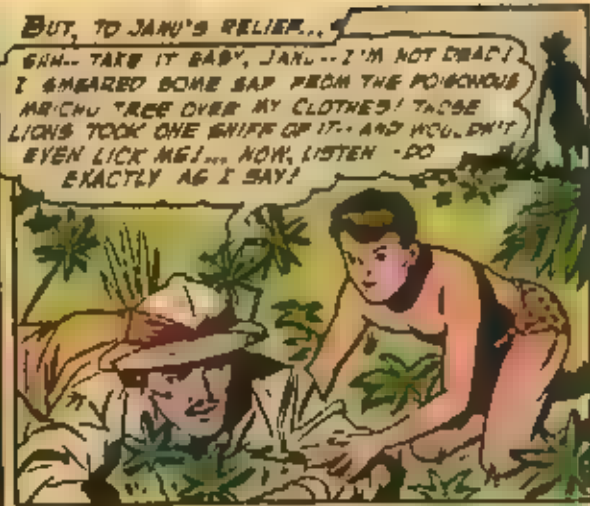
AND IN THE NEXT FATAL MOMENT, SHEET HE NOW FLAT ON GROUND-- AND LIONS BENDING OVER HIM! THAT THE END OF HIM!

CONGO BILL! CONGO BILL!



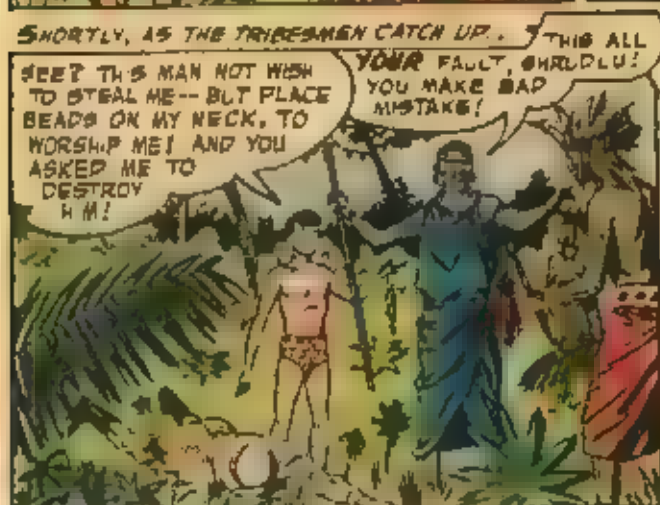


CONGO--(SCOWS)--BILL--YOU KILL YOURSELF PURPOSELY SO (SCOWS)--TRIBESEMEN NOT KILL ME! WHY YOU DO IT, CONGO BILL--WHY?



BUT, TO JANU'S RELIEF...

SEN-- TAKE IT EASY, JANU-- I'M NOT DEAD! I SNEEZED SOME SAP FROM THE POISONOUS MA'CHU TREE OVER MY CLOTHES! THOSE LIONS TOOK ONE WHIFF OF IT-- AND WOULDN'T EVEN LICK ME!... NOW, LISTEN --DO EXACTLY AS I SAY!



FEET TH'S MAN NOT WISH TO STEAL ME-- BUT PLACE BEADS ON MY NECK, TO WORSHIP ME! AND YOU ASKED ME TO DESTROY HIM!

THIS ALL YOUR FAULT, SHRUULU! YOU MAKE BAD MISTAKE!



WELL, IF YOU SUCH A POWERFUL GOD, MAKE HIM COME TO LIFE!

I SEE WHAT I CAN DO!



AS A HIGH FALLS OVER THE ONLOOKERS

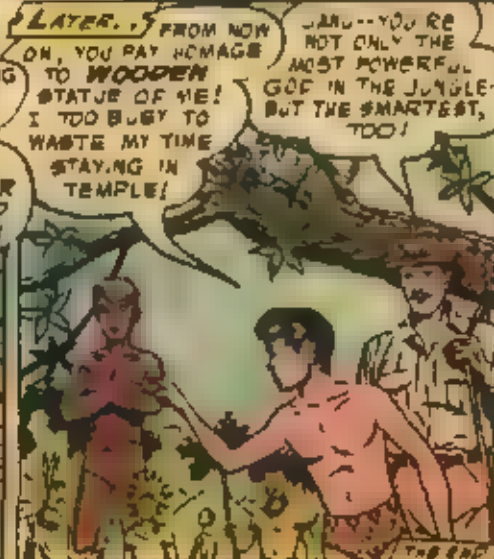
ON YOUR FEET, MISTER!

I SEE-- HE DOING IT!

AND WITH CONGO BILL FULLY "RECOVERED"

YOU THE MOST POWERFUL GOD IN ALL THE JUNGLE!

YOU TELLING ME' NOW TAKE ME BACK TO TEMPLE-- AND SEND ME YOUR BEST WOOD CARVERS!



LATER... FROM NOW ON, YOU PAY HOMAGE TO WOODEN STATUE OF ME! I TOO BUSY TO WASTE MY TIME STAYING IN TEMPLE!

JANU--YOU'RE NOT ONLY THE MOST POWERFUL GOD IN THE JUNGLE-- BUT THE SMARTEST, TOO!

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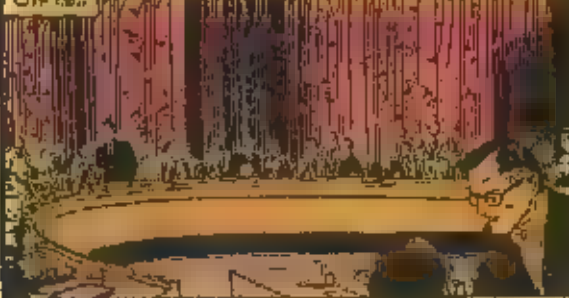
EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 800,000 PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD VISIT THE UN, WHERE THEY SEE THE MANY GIFTS FROM MEMBER NATIONS, GIVEN TO EXPRESS THE R HOPES FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE.



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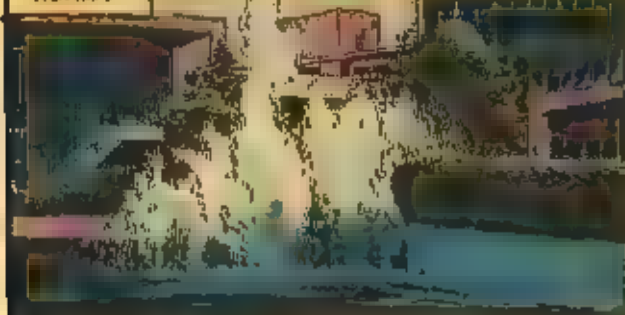
THE HUGE RED CURTAIN, SPECIALLY WOVEN OF WOOL AND HEMP AND WEIGHING 770 POUNDS, WHICH EXTENDS ACROSS THE EAST SIDE OF THE MEETING ROOM OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, IS ONE OF SWEDEN'S GIFTS.



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How to Start a Stamp Collection



**Fun and Knowledge of Faraway, Foreign Places
Are Provided By This Fascinating Hobby**

STAMP collecting is practised in practically every country in the world, and has attracted to its fascinating fold as many adults as it has boys and girls.

Most beginners have only a limited amount of money to spend, making it important to know beforehand exactly *how* to go about starting a collection, and *what* to buy.

The more popular name for stamp collecting is "philately." The accent is on the second syllable. A person who collects stamps is called a "philatelist."

A philatelist just starting out needs certain basic tools. These include an album, packets, special sets, approval sheets, hinges, a standard catalog, a watermark detector, a perforation gauge, a magnifying glass and a pair of tweezers.

A complete knowledge of the uses of these will start you off on one of the most interesting hobbies you can find.

The best kind of album to start with is a relatively small one—about 10 inches square. But don't be fooled by the word "small," for this size can accommodate about 4,000 stamps. Albums come in various price ranges, but

you will be wise to purchase an inexpensive one to start—anywhere from 50 cents to \$1.50. The cheaper album contains necessary information and instructions for the beginner.

What stamps to buy is always a big problem to the starting philatelist. And this is where he usually makes his costliest mistakes. Most beginners make the mistake of buying the widely-advertised "mixed" packet. Later on, they regret it, for while such packets seem like wonderful bargains because of their cheap price, actually they are poor investments for they contain many duplicates. Thus, a packet of 1,000 stamps may contain no more than 50 different varieties of stamps.

A much better buy is what is called a "variety" packet, for this contains no two stamps which are alike. A variety packet containing 1,000 different stamps, sells for about \$1, and is the best way to start a collection.

Once you have filled in the spaces in your album with the more common stamps, you will be ready to purchase the rarer stamps. A good way to buy these are from "approval sheets."

What is an approval sheet? It is a sheet of paper bearing the name and address of the dealer across the top and ruled into squares. Each square contains a stamp affixed with a hinge. A price is printed under each stamp.

And this is where the buyer must beware. Don't simply accept the dealer's word for the correct price. Consult a standard catalog to determine the current price of the stamp in which you are interested.

Now it may happen that the dealer's price is actually below the catalogued price. In this case, you have the opportunity of making a good buy. The price may be the same as the catalogued price, or it may be higher. You may even be willing to pay a few pennies more for a choice item.

Your decision, however, should be based on other factors besides your desire for the particular stamp. One determining factor is the condition of the stamp. Is it in "mint" condition?

"Mint" is the term to describe a stamp that is in exactly the same condition it was when first issued. Acquiring a "mint" stamp is the goal of every collector.

But even cancelled stamps (which contain the cancellation marks) should not be turned down if it is a stamp you specially want. Just make sure that the cancellation marks are not so heavy that the engraving beneath can't easily be seen.

To obtain "approval sheets," all you have to do is request a dealer to send them to you. A postcard will do. This places you under no obligation to buy.

The stamps are sent to you on approval. You may select one or several, and return the rest with your remittance for the ones you have decided to keep. Or, you may send them all back. Don't worry about offending the dealer. It is all part of his business, and he will continue to mail you other approval sheets.

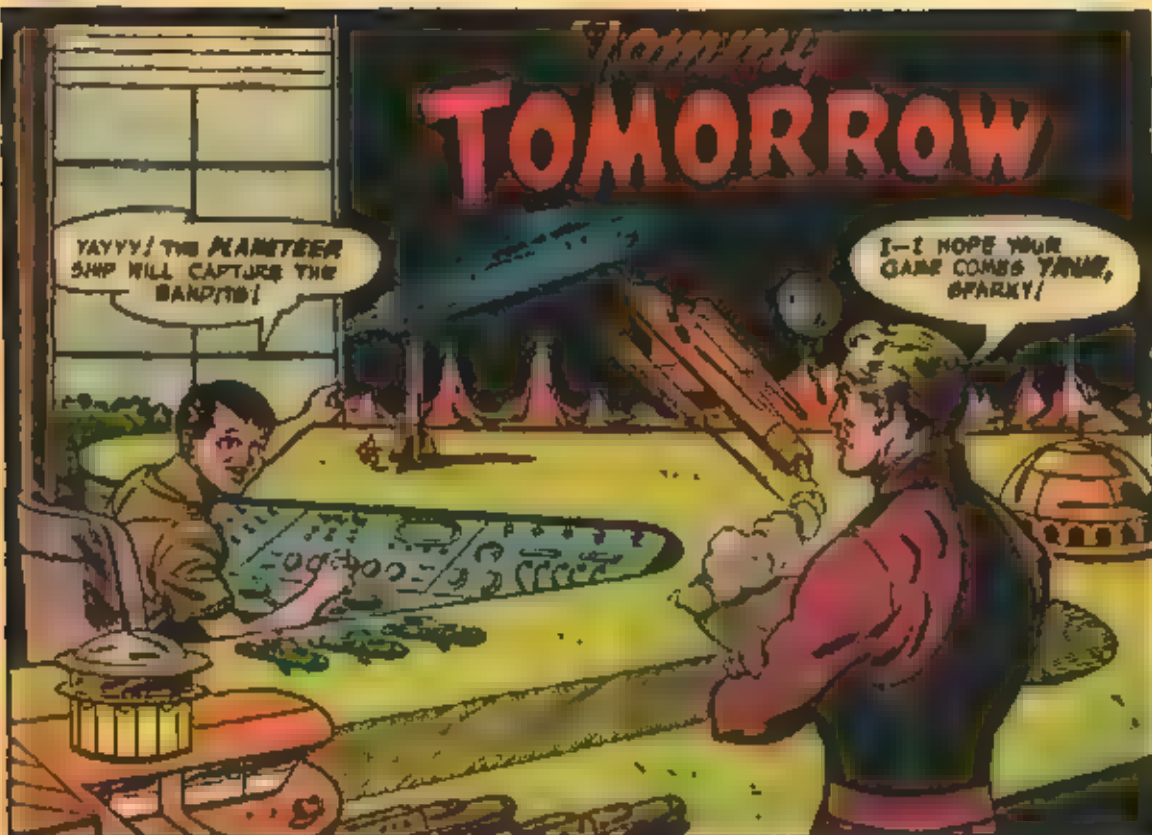
One word about ethics. When a dealer sends you an approval sheet, he is demonstrating his good faith in you. On your part, sheets should be returned as soon as possible, and in the same condition in which they were received.

Since the adhesive on the back of the stamp determines its value—some stamps are rendered valueless because the adhesive has been removed—it is poor policy to paste stamps in the album. Instead, hinges should be used. The best type of hinge is the "peelable" kind, which is made of thin paper and so constructed as not to harm the stamp.

Beginning philatelists should seek out others interested in the same hobby. You will find this has many advantages. First of all, having chums enables you to swap duplicates of stamps you already own, and acquire stamps in return that you want. Secondly, swapping information about new issues is just as important as swapping stamps.

You are now ready to start your stamp collection. You'll soon be learning about faraway places, and, in a sense, visiting foreign countries, and getting to know them. At the same time, you'll be having fun—the good, clean, wholesome kind of fun that is the special kind shared by philatelists everywhere.

—Joe Mallon



CAN YOU GUESS WHY THE FAVORITE GAME OF YOUNGSTERS WILL BE IN THE YEAR 2067? YOU'RE RIGHT- IT WILL BE MODEL SPACE SHIPS, WITH ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED ACCESSORIES! AND, INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS, ONE OF THESE ROCKETSHIP REPLICAS HELP TOMMY TOMORROW SOLVE A BAFFLING SPACE MYSTERY IN...

THE AMAZING FUTURE TOYS

WHILE OFF FROM DUTY ON AN EARTH LEAVE, COLONEL TOMMY TOMORROW OF THE SPACE PLANETEERS VISITS HIS RELATIVES.

LOOK, COUSIN TOMMY! ISN'T THIS A SWELL SPACESHIP MODEL? COME AND SEE THE REST OF MY SPACE SET!

ALL RIGHT, SPARKY! SOUNDS INTERESTING!

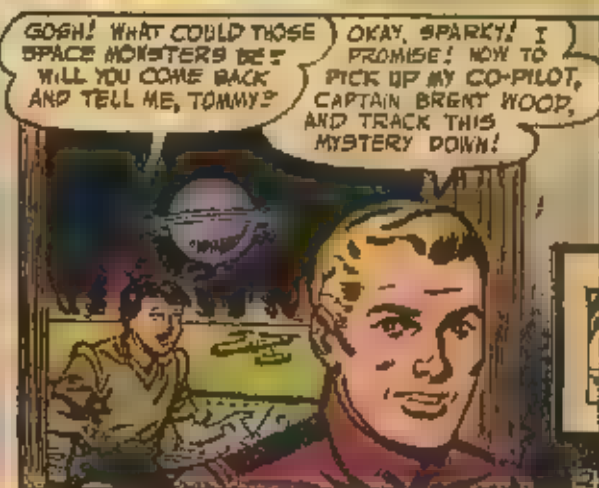
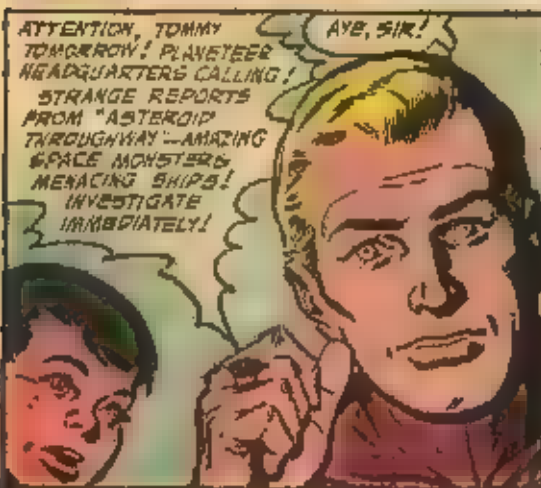
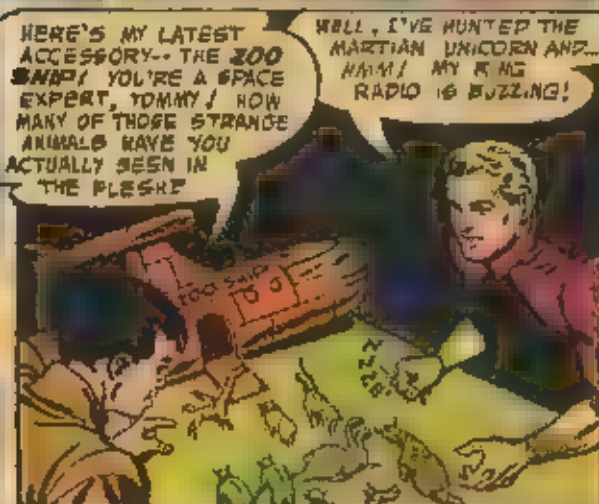
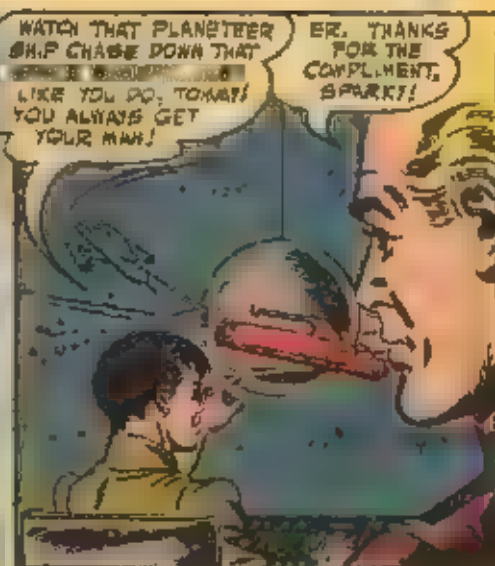
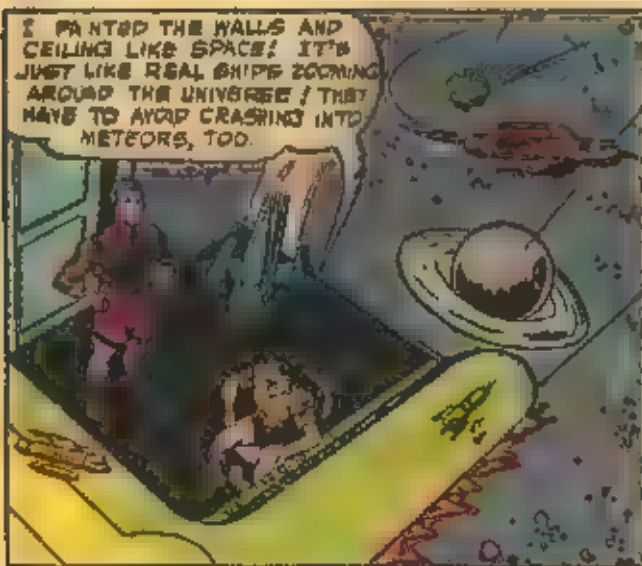
FASCINATING INDEED IS THE MODEL SPACE SET WHICH YOUNGSTERS OF THE YEAR 2066 PLAY WITH!

SEE? IT'S JUST LIKE A REAL SPACEPORT! THESE ELECTRONIC CONTROLS MAKE MY SPACESHIP LAND OR TAKE-OFF AROUND THE ROOM!





ACTION COMICS





LATER, TOMMY ROCKETS TOWARD ONE OF THE GREAT WONDERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY...

AMAZING HOW THAT POWERFUL FORCE-FIELD KEEPS A CLEAR "TUNNEL" THROUGH THE ASTEROIDS! IT'S A TERRIFIC SHORTCUT FOR ALL SPACE CRAFT. ARE THE REPORTS TRUE OF "SPACE MONSTERS" IN THERE?

ASTEROID THROUGHWAY
NO STOPS OR
TURNS FOR PATROL

BRENT NODD IS SKEPTICAL...

HOW CAN MONSTERS LIVE AND BREATHE IN EMPTY SPACE? JUST SOMEBODY'S WILD IMAGINATION!

DON'T LAUGH TOO LOUD, BRENT! LOOK...

ASTOUNDINGLY, HALFWAY WITHIN THE ASTEROID THROUGHWAY...

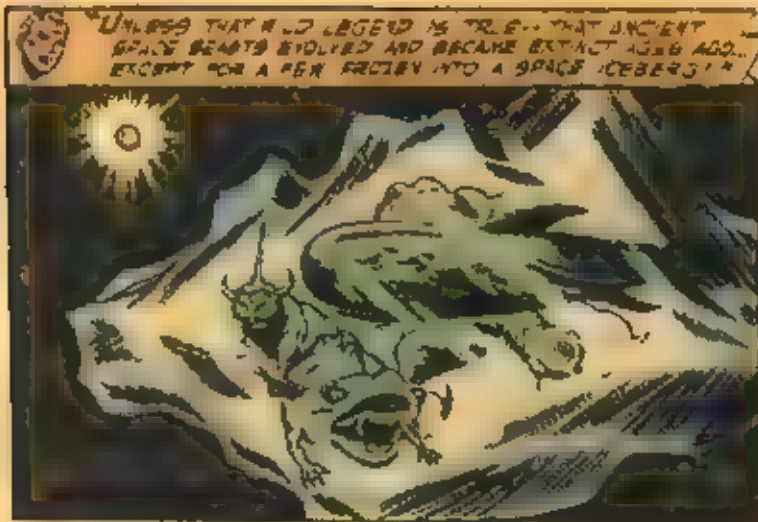
HELP! SPACE MONSTER AFTER US!

GREAT STARS! A-A GIANT WHALE WITH WINGS! OPEN FIRE WITH THE ATOMIC RAY!

GOT IT, TOMMY! OUR ATOMIC RAY DISINTEGRATES DANGEROUS BEASTS PAINLESSLY, IN A SPLIT SECOND!

PATROLLING THE THROUGHWAY THE TWO PLANETEERS SOON MEET ANOTHER BIZARRE CREATURE...

ANOTHER ONE! HOW CAN SUCH FANTASTIC CREATURES LIVE IN AIRLESS SPACE? IT--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, TOMMY!



UNLESS THAT OLD LEGEND IS TRUE... THAT ANCIENT SPACE BEASTS EVOLVED AND BECAME EXTINCT AGES AGO... EXCEPT FOR A FEW FRIGIDLY INTO A SPACE ICEBERG!

THEN THE ICE MUST HAVE MELTED RECENTLY, AND THEY CAME ALIVE!

IT SOUNDS PREPOSTEROUS, BUT FOR SAFETY'S SAKE WE'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE ASTEROID THROUGHOUT! I'LL SET UP AN INFLATED RUBBER SPACE BOAT AT THE ENTRANCE!



LATER, ALL SPACE TRAFFIC IS DETOURED

THAT'S A LONG ROUTE NOT PATROLLED BY THE PLANETEERS! HOPE WE GET THROUGH WITH OUR CARGO OF SPACE JEWELS!

DETOUR
PAST DARK
ASTEROIDS

SUDDENLY, AT THE DARK ASTEROIDS.

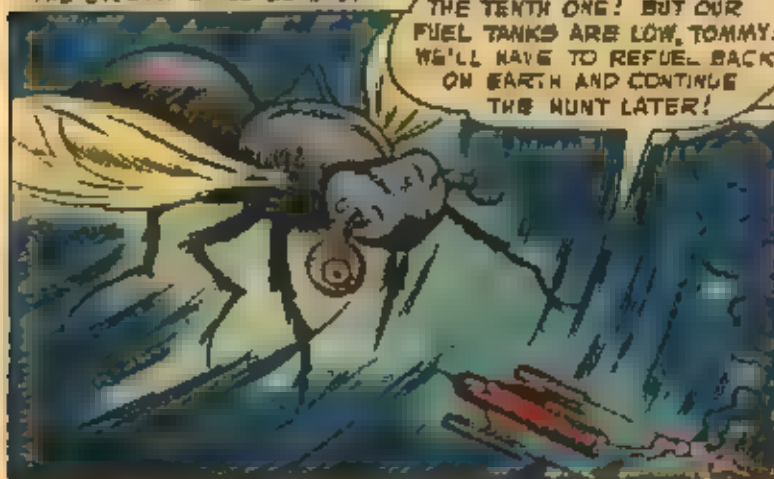
HALT! THIS IS A SPACE OTTICK-UP! HA, HA!

BANDITS!



MEANWHILE, TOMMY AND BRENT ARE BUSY HUNTING DOWN MORE OF THE LUCRATIVE SPACE BEASTS.

THE TENTH ONE! BUT OUR FUEL TANKS ARE LOW, TOMMY! WE'LL HAVE TO REFUEL BACK ON EARTH AND CONTINUE THE HUNT LATER!



DRIVING TO EARTH, THEY PICK UP THE OTHER GRIM NEWS.

SEVERAL CARGO SHIPS THAT DETOURED AROUND THE DARK ASTEROIDS WERE ROBBED BY "MADAM" NORTON, SPACE BANDIT!

JUMPING JUPITER! CROOKS AT WORK ALONG THE DETOUR!



**TOMMY FACES A DILEMMA!**

WE CAN'T OPEN UP THE **ASTEROID THROUGHWAY** UNTIL IT'S SAFE! YET WE CAN'T HUNT MONSTERS AND FIGHT CROOKS AT THE SAME TIME! NOVA NORTON HAS US BEATEN--FOR THE PRESENT!



ON EARTH, WHILE THEIR SHIP IS BEING REFUELED AND CHECKED, TOMMY KEEPS HIS PROMISE TO HIS YOUNG COUSIN...

...AND THOSE WERE THE SPACE MONSTERS WE HUNTED, SPARKY!

GEE! THANKS FOR TELLING ME THE STORY, TOMMY! BUT NOW COME AND SEE THE WONDERFUL NEW WAY I HOOKED UP MY SPACE SET!



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GREAT ORION! SPARKY... YOU'VE JUST GIVEN ME A BIG CLUB... THAT WILL SOLVE THE TRUE MYSTERY OF THE SPACE BEASTS!



LATER, WHEN TOMMY AND BRENT ZOOM BACK TO THE **ASTEROID THROUGHWAY**, HUNTING ANOTHER QUEER MONSTER...

PASS UP THAT GIANT HORNED FROG, BRENT! IT'S HARMLESS!

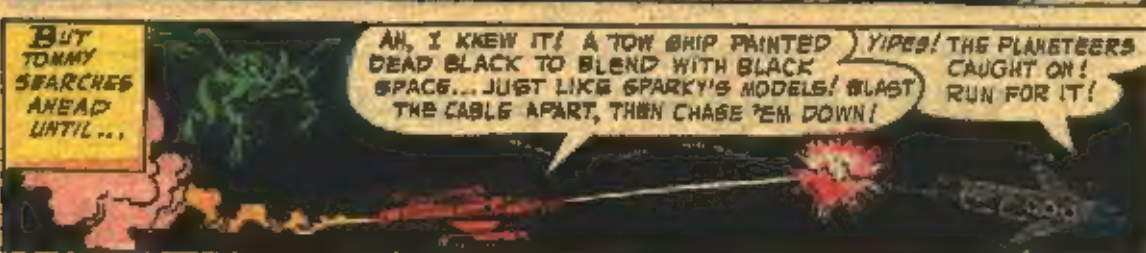
HARMLESS? HAVE YOU GONE SPACE-HAPPT, TOMMY?



BUT TOMMY SEARCHES AHEAD UNTIL...

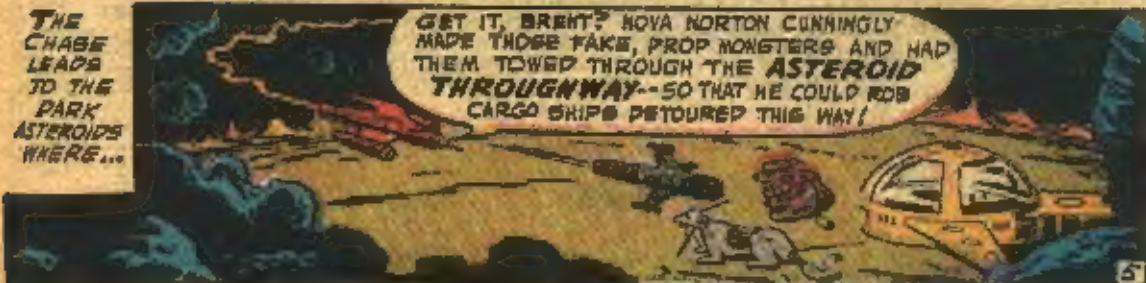
AH, I KNEW IT! A TOW SHIP PAINTED DEAD BLACK TO BLEND WITH BLACK SPACE... JUST LIKE SPARKY'S MODELS! BLAST THE CABLE APART, THEN CHASE 'EM DOWN!

YIPES! THE PLANETEERS CAUGHT ON! RUN FOR IT!



THE CHASE LEADS TO THE DARK ASTEROIDS WHERE...

GET IT, BRENT? NOVA NORTON CUNNINGLY MADE THOSE FAKE, PROP MONSTERS AND HAD THEM TOWED THROUGH THE **ASTEROID THROUGHWAY**--SO THAT HE COULD ROB CARGO SHIPS DETOURED THIS WAY!





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